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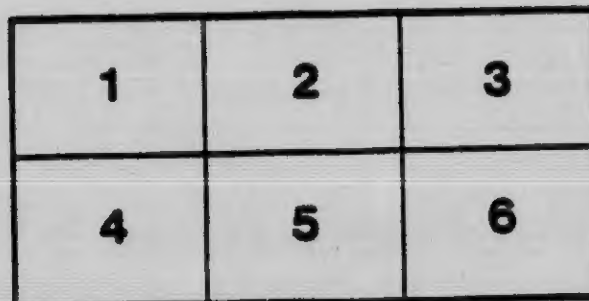
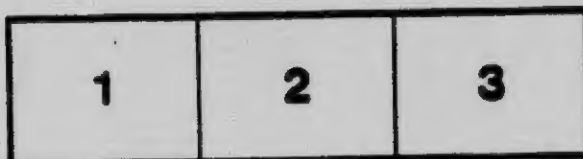
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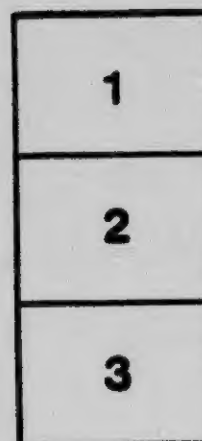
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By W. R. Morson. \

In twelve months, American farmers sold to Canadian cities and towns, \$73,000,000 of agricultural products. In the same twelve months, Canadian farmers sold to American cities and towns \$42,000,000, a difference of \$31,000,000. This means that \$31,000,000 went to American farmers that justly belongs to the Canadian farmers. The reason this has happened and the reason it happens every year is that there is no proper thought or supervision of our affairs in the farmers' interest, and we intend to protest against any Government in power, be they Liberal or Conservative, so long as this state of affairs continues. To show why this money has gone to American instead of Canadian farmers, we need only examine the following rates of duty which show that we make no serious attempt to keep our markets for the Canadian farmer while the United States keep theirs for their own. We give some industrial items also to show how much more encouragement is given to production and employment in the U. S. than is given in Canada.

U. S. Customs Duty :

50c per 100 lbs.
 42c per bushel
 15c per bushel
 \$2.04 per barrel
 \$4.00 per ton
 35%
 8c per lb.
 5c per lb.
 8c per dozen
 40%
 3c per lb. & 25%
 100%
 55%
 75%
 75%
 75%
 33½%
 75%

Can. Customs Duty :

Potatoes	35c per 100 lbs.
Wheat	12c per bushel
Corn	FREE
Wheat Flour	50c per barrel
Hay	\$2.00 per ton
Certain Fruits	25%
Butter	4c per lb.
Cheese	3c per lb.
Eggs	3c per dozen
Cattle	25%
Certain Papers	15% to 25%
Woollens	27½%
Silk Fabrics	15%
Artificial Silk Fabrics	15%
Woollen Clothing	27½%
Woollen Hose	25%
Hats	22½%
Blankets	22½%

We have translated these rates into the same terms for each country and while in most cases they are exact, in some they are only approximate.

By the unfairness of these rates \$31,000,000 circulates amongst American farmers instead of amongst Canadian farmers. Imagine what a difference if our farmers had this extra \$31,000,000 every year to spend in Canada. It would keep Canadian factories going and would keep Canadian workmen employed, and this would still further add to the farmers' market. There were 300,000 farmers' customers driven out of Canada in 1923 by lowering the tariff and the American tariff now stands between those customers and our farmers.

If our townspeople said to our farmers, "We'll sell to you but we won't buy from you," would our farmers like that? Decidedly not! Well, that is what our government is forcing our townspeople to say in part, and if our

farmers do not like that proposition why should we deal with the United States on that basis. The United States says to Canada, "You can only sell to us over a 60% tariff wall," and Canada meekly replies to the United States, "You may sell to us over a tariff wall." Net loss to Canada every year — \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000.

That is a lot of money, and you, Mr. Reader, can get some of that money every year if you will make up your mind to turn out every government that comes into power that continues to give our farmers and work people the same rotten deal that they are getting to-day, and the Prosperity League of Canada undertakes to watch every government that is in power, or comes into power, and we shall tell you whether you are getting a fair deal or a rotten deal. We have the figures and facts, and we'll keep you posted.

If we protect farm products alone, there will be no one for our farmers to sell to. We must protect everybody — farmers, industries and work people, if we want everyone to have someone to sell to. What we want is broad co-operation between all classes and all districts, and to stop Uncle Sam bleeding this country of about \$1,000,000 every day, as he has been doing. Counting interest and tax together, the bleeding amounts to more than that.

There is no profit in producing unless you have a market for your produce. The policy of this country has been to bring as many farmers' competitors to Canada as possible and very little has been done to protect the industries and their workers who are the farmers' customers. Our farmers are barred out of the U.S. and if we do not build up our towns and cities with industries who are the farmers to sell to?

Canada is one of the richest countries in the world in natural resources. In minerals, agriculture, fisheries, timber, water-powers, waterways, climate and people we are second to none. We hear many say that the U.S. has an advantage in climate, but most of their progress has taken place in their northern belt, right up against the Canadian border. The only thing that really counts for their greater progress is their fiscal policy. If we copied them less in their frivolous ways and more in their common sense ways it would be all to our advantage.

A few facts about Canada:

		Each Person
1 Canada's National Debt	\$2,422,000,000	\$ 285
2 Provincial Debts.....	784,000,000	92
3 Municipal Debts.....	794,400,000	93
4 Total Public Debts...	\$4,000,000,000	\$ 470
5 Canada's Outside Debts	5,200,000,000	612
6 Total	\$9,200,000,000	\$1082
7 Less amounts duplicated in above.....	1,200,000,000	142
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	\$8,000,000,000	\$ 940
8 For comparison:		
Germany's Debt to the Allies when reduced to a cash basis same as ours.....	\$17,000,000,000	
Less Germany's Foreign Credits.....	1,500,000,000	
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	\$15,500,000,000	\$ 261

Germany has no internal debts, having cancelled all by inflation. Many financial experts say that Germany cannot pay \$261 per capita. How then can Canada pay \$940? We quote these facts as a warning to Canadians to take heed of their affairs.

		Each Person
9 Annual interest payable on Canada's outside debt..	\$ 300,000,000	\$ 35
10 Annual interest on all Canada's debts...	439,000,000	52
11 Canada imported from the U.S. in 10 years 1914 to 1924	5,850,000,000	688
12 Canada exported to U.S. in 10 years 1914 to 1924.....	3,850,000,000	453
13 Canada's purchases in excess of sales on above	2,000,000,000	235
14 Canada increased her mortgage to the U.S. in same 10 year	2,000,000,000	235
15 Canada bought from U.S. in 12 months farm products	73,000,000	8.50
16 Canada sold U.S. in 12 months farm products	42,000,000	5.00
17 Canada bought from U.S. in 12 months farm products other than wheat	72,000,000	8.47

18	Canada sold to U.S. in 12 months farm products other than wheat	23,000,000	2.71
*19	We sold U.S. less than we bought in farm products other than wheat 1923.....	49,000,000	5.76
20	Canada imported in 1923 from world.....	802,000,000	94
21	Canada exported in 1923 to the world....	931,000,000	109
22	Canada increased her debt to outside world in 1923 as follows: take all visible and invis- ible items into ac- count	200,000,000	235
23	Canadians settled in United States in 1923 registered 181,000 es- timated unregistered 119,000	300,000	31% population

* The U.S. confers no benefit upon us by buying our wheat. We could sell it elsewhere and then our agricultural relations with the U.S. would be \$49,000,000 against us. If we are an agricultural country this is a pretty bad showing. We should show a balance in our favour of that amount instead of it being against us.

**Natural and artificial resources of Canada
in order of their importance and money value:**

No.	Present Annual Production	Future Production
1. Economic Sense.....	Unused	Unlimited
2. Co-operation	Unused	Unlimited
3. Industry	\$4,000,000,000	Depends on Nos. 1 & 2
4. Agriculture	\$1,342,000,000	Depends on Nos. 1 & 2
5. Transportation	\$342,000,000	Depends on Nos. 1 & 2
6. Mining	\$250,000,000	Unlimited
7. Waterpowers	3,227,000 Horsepower	18,255,000
8. Forests	\$140,000,000	Depends on Policy
9. Fisheries	\$42,000,000	Very great

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